

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A tensioning or guide rail assembly comprising two metal bushings which are inserted into mounting holes of a plastic supporting body for a tensioning rail or a guiding rail of a chain drive of an internal combustion engine that is adapted to be mounted by screws extending through the bushings and axially contacting a motor housing, the bushings are identical and each comprise a rotationally symmetrical body and are inserted into the mounting holes of the supporting body with an end section of the bushings facing the motor being provided with a circular step for a transition to a reduced exterior diameter, the supporting body includes a step with a reduced interior diameter located in each of the mounting holes on a side of the supporting body facing the engine, the bushings are preassembled with the supporting body with the circular steps of the bushings axially held to the steps in the supporting body, one of the mounting holes of the support body is a reference bore or a primary mounting hole, the other mounting hole is formed as an oblong hole in the supporting body in addition to the reference bore, a bead is located on a wall region of the reference bore and of the oblong bore, and is received in a circular groove located in an outer surface of each of the inserted bushings.
2. (Previously presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein the support body with the mounting holes is surrounded by the guiding rail or tensioning rail formed from plastic.
3. (Previously presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein the bushing, is used at a tensioning rail, and inside at least one of the mounting holes a gap is provided to allow pivoting of the support body around a bushing axis.

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4. – 6. (Canceled).